

LOCAL NEWS.

AGENCY.—Mr. James E. Given is authorized to receive all moneys owing for subscriptions to this paper in the routes of the Northern Liberties, heretofore owned by Mr. John Matthews.

NOTICE.—The patrons of this paper residing in the first ward are notified that Mr. Dillow is no longer our agent, and all sums due for the paper must be paid to Mr. L. B. Parker, who is now the agent for that ward.

CITY COUNCILS.—This Board assembled last evening.

A communication was received from the Mayor, declaring his approval of the petition of James Roach, for certain claims.

A joint resolution was introduced, instructing the Board to authorize the Mayor to distribute seven hundred dollars worth of fuel to the poor of the city, not more than one hundred dollars of that amount to be appropriated to each ward; which was passed without discussion.

The chairman of the Committee on the Fire Department reported a bill recommending the purchase of a steam fire engine; which was referred.

The resolution calling for a change in the time of meeting of the Board was made the special order for next Monday evening.

A joint resolution was introduced, recommending the appropriation of sixty dollars to the Union Fire Company, and also the same amount to the Anacostia Fire Company; which was referred.

The petition of Messrs. Taylor & Hutchinson, in reference to their license, was taken up for consideration, and discussed at length. It appears that the petitioners had misapprehended their duty when they took out their license.

The petition was laid over.

The petition of Charles Lanterberg, asking a remission of taxes, was taken up, and passed.

A joint resolution was introduced, providing for the purchase of oil for certain fire companies; which was passed.

The resolution appropriates one hundred and fifty dollars.

A joint resolution, providing for improving the Northern Market, by a grant of fifty dollars, was passed.

A joint resolution, asking Congress to repeal certain laws, was taken up, and discussed by several members.

On motion, the resolution was recommitted. The Board adjourned.

BOARD OF COMMON COUNCIL.—The Board met at the usual hour, and was called to order by the President. All the members were present, except Messrs. Robertson and Van Rensselaer.

A communication was received from the Mayor, informing the Board that he had approved of a bill to repair Centre Market, and also a bill to repair Tenth street west, between L and M streets north.

Mr. Russell presented a petition of the American Hook and Ladder Company; which was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Mr. Jones, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill from the other Board for the relief of W. D. Wallace and R. A. Waters. Passed.

Also, a bill appropriating \$7,620 to pay the principal and interest of certain preferred bonds. Passed.

Also, a bill appropriating \$750 to pay the assessors for certain services. Passed.

Mr. Clark, from the Drainage Committee, reported a bill appropriating \$125 for the erection of six fire plugs.

After much discussion, the bill was passed.

Mr. Mohun, from the same committee, reported a bill authorizing the Mayor to contract for altering the fire plugs of the city.

The bill was passed—yeas 16, nays 2.

Mr. Meade, from the same committee, reported a bill making an appropriation to make a connection between certain plugs and the twelve inch main east of the Capitol. Passed.

Mr. Mulloy, from the Claims Committee, reported a bill for the remission of a fine imposed on V. and O. Bulaski. Passed.

He also reported back, and was discharged from considering, the petition of James B. Greenwell.

Mr. Mohun offered a resolution instructing the committee having charge of the interests of the corporation before Congress to ask that body for an appropriation to pay for fuel and gas for the military of this city.

Mr. Meade, from the Police Committee, introduced a bill declaring wood and coal yards, carpenter, blacksmith, wheelwright, and cabinet shops, to be nuisances. Postponed for one week.

Mr. Ensay offered a resolution instructing the Committee on Drainage to report a bill providing fire plugs on every street where mains have been laid.

A bill from the Board of Aldermen, making an appropriation to purchase oil for the Union Fire Company, was received, and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A resolution from the same branch, appropriating \$700 to purchase fuel for the poor, was passed.

Mr. Clark offered a resolution appropriating \$700 for provisions for the poor; which was passed.

The Board adjourned.

THE MILITIA OFFICERS APPOINTED.—The list of militia officers having been made out, commissions were yesterday issued to the following gentlemen to act in the several capacities herein mentioned:

Colonel of Infantry.

James A. Tait, Colonel of the first regiment.

Peter F. Bacon, Colonel of the second regiment.

Martin E. Bright, Colonel of the third regiment.

James E. Morgan, Colonel of the fourth regiment.

Jonah D. Hoover, Colonel of the fifth regiment.

Lemuel J. Middleton, Colonel of the sixth regiment.

Thomas Blagden, Colonel of the seventh regiment.

Richard S. Cox, Colonel of the eighth regiment.

Lieutenant Colonels.

G. A. Swartman, Lieutenant Colonel of the second regiment.

James Y. Davis, Lieutenant Colonel of the fourth regiment.

Joseph Peck, Lieutenant Colonel of the sixth regiment.

J. McHenry Hollingsworth, Lieutenant Colonel of the eighth regiment.

Majors.

Charles S. Wallach, Major of the first regiment.

John Watts, Major of the third regiment.

F. A. Klopfer, Major of the fifth regiment.

F. B. Schaffer, Major of the seventh regiment.

Inspector General, with the Rank of Colonel.

Charles P. Stone.

THE UNION REGIMENT.

Company A, Third Ward, Have Another Meeting.—The Constitution adopted—Resolutions, etc., etc.—Notwithstanding the unpleasant state of the weather, a large number of members of the new third ward company was held at Temperance Hall last night.

After the transaction of some preliminary business—

General Carrington arose and stated that he had prepared a Constitution, which he wished to submit to the consideration of the meeting.

He said he had not come to speak, but for business. He offered the following Constitution for their adoption, which was substantially the Constitution of the Washington Light Infantry, the oldest and one of the best companies in our city, and the same which he had the honor to command some years ago; he said, that upon consultation with his friends, they had determined to make this military organization permanent; he desired to make the "Union Regiment of Washington" equal to the Seventh Regiment of New York, or any other in the country; and that if his friends would stand by him, he would accomplish his purpose, which he thought would be highly creditable to our city.

He then proceeded to read the proposed Constitution. As this will probably be substantially the same as that of the other companies of the Union Regiment, we insert it entire. It is as follows:

CONSTITUTION OF COMPANY A (THIRD WARD) OF THE UNION REGIMENT OF WASHINGTON.

Whereas the citizens of this Republic are attached to certain important and responsible duties, not only civil, but of a military character, we consider it necessary and proper that associations should be in constant organization for the acquisition of military instruction and training; so that, when properly authorized demands are made upon them, they can perform military service in a systematic and prompt manner. For this object, we have associated ourselves together as a volunteer military company, and do adopt and adhere to the following articles for the government of the same:

ART. 1.—Organization.

Sec. 1. The company shall be known under the name of the "Company A of the Third Ward of the Union Regiment of Volunteers," consisting of active, contributing, and honorary members.

Art. 2. Active members will constitute the company proper, having control and direction of its affairs, with the following permanent officers, viz: A Captain, First Lieutenant, Second Lieutenant, Third Lieutenant, Ensign; Orderly, Second, Third, and Fourth Sergeants, and four Corporals, to which may be attached, when expedient, a Surgeon, Quartermaster's Sergeant, one or more Pioneer, two or more Color Guards, and an ordnance officer.

Sec. 3. Contributing members will form a list of citizens contributing yearly five dollars towards the support and maintenance of the company. Honorary members will form a list of citizens held in high esteem by the company, and active members, who have been engaged actively with the company ten years.

Sec. 4. Civil officers will be a Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Treasurer.

ART. 2.—Elections.

Sec. 1. Elections of officers and honorary and contributing and active members will be *vice versa*.

Sec. 2. To elect all officers and members, a majority only of the company will be required.

Sec. 3. Nominations of officers and members to be verbal.

ART. 3.—Duties of Officers and Members.

Sec. 1. Prominence in the business and conduct of the affairs of the company shall specially mark the officers. They should exert themselves in introducing a perfection of the "drill" discipline, and any measures conducive to a proper organization, and to discountenance and forbid the discussion or even mention of politics in their meetings, this association having no connection with politics whatever.

Sec. 2. The Captain will preside at all company meetings, and, jointly with Lieutenants, have enforced all constitutional measures or other company enactments.

Sec. 3. To the Lieutenants are assigned the inspection of uniforms and arms of the members, and shall have the same kept in good condition.

Sec. 4. To the Sergeants is assigned the duty of reporting to the Assistant Secretary all members present at the parades and drills of the company.

Sec. 5. To the Corporals the preparation and delivery of parade notices to all members absent from the meeting, ordering the parade, or when the parade is ordered by the Captain.

Sec. 6. Drill officers above the grade of 4th Sergeant are required to furnish themselves with a copy of the "Drill and Tactics of the United States Army."

Sec. 7. To the ordnance officer the charge and duty of assigning muskets to members, and if a member does not keep the same in good condition, he will assign the musket to a new member. A salary may be attached to this office, in which case he is required to keep the arms in good condition, take charge and care of all property of the company, and present an inventory of the same at the monthly meetings.

Sec. 8. To the Secretary is assigned the record of proceedings of meetings, care of the Constitution signed by the members, and the roll of the company; will report to the chairman all deferred and other business unfinished or with committees; will attend to all correspondence, if not otherwise ordered.

Sec. 9. The Assistant Secretary will keep the financial accounts of the members; will report at each monthly meeting the amount of dues received from the members, and the attendance at the meetings for business, drill, or parade, during the preceding month; will take receipts of the Treasurer for all moneys paid to the company fund; will report generally on the state of the dues and attendance of members at the company meetings.

Sec. 10. To the Treasurer is assigned the care of the company's fund; will preserve vouchers of disbursements; (no account will be paid without direction of a meeting, or by the order of the Captain); will report at the monthly meetings, setting forth the receipts, disbursements, debts, &c., of the company, accompanied by vouchers.

ART. 4.—New, Contributing, and Honorary Members.

Sec. 1. An applicant for membership must be not less than 18 years of age. He must be nominated by a member, and a committee of three be appointed to inquire into his character. The committee will report in one week after the nomination, and, if favorable, he will be voted for *vice versa*.

Sec. 2. If elected, the Secretary will notify him; and he is required to attend the next regular meeting, sign the Constitution, and pay to the company fund one dollar. He will, with two weeks thereafter, uniform himself; neglecting these, the Secretary will report him to the meeting.

Sec. 3. Contributing and honorary members are entitled to complimentary tickets to the balls and excursions of the company, to attend company meetings, and may, by consent of the Chairman, take part in the discussions; can appear on parade, provided they have attended

the drills previous to the parade, having first obtained the consent of the Captain.

Sec. 4. Active members, transferred to the honorary roll, may retain their position on the active roll, but are subject to the regulations of that roll.

Sec. 5. Upon the election of the new contributing and honorary members, the Secretary will enclose a copy of the Constitution with notice of election.

ART. 5.—Meetings.

Sec. 1. Company meetings will be held on the evening of the first Monday of each month. Special meetings may be called by the Captain, or by a previous meeting. Twenty members and a commission officer will constitute a quorum, who can transact all business, except in section 2, article 2; sections 3, 4, and 5.

Sec. 2. Order of business. Meeting called to order, roll call, reading proceedings of last meeting, report of attendance, and payment of dues, unfinished business, reports of committees, nomination, election, resignations, new business, and adjournment.

Sec. 3. Constitutional amendments, modifications, or reconsideration of articles, will require a three-fourths vote of not less than fifty members. Suspension of its articles may be done by a majority of a quorum, but only for one month.

Sec. 4. Expulsion of a member will require a two-thirds vote, of not less than half the company; dropped from the roll for non-attendance, a two-thirds vote of a quorum is required; a majority vote of the same can place a member on the delinquent roll; the same vote also may suspend or censure.

Sec. 5. Any measure adopted will require a two-thirds vote for reconsideration, the mover being on the affirmative side at the time of first adoption. Proxy voting inadmissible.

Sec. 6. Members not voting will be counted in the affirmative.

Sec. 7. No resignation can be accepted until the indebtedness of the member to the company is settled.

Sec. 8. Business will not be divulged, and publicity given, only when authorized.

Sec. 9. Discussion of a general character will take place after the order of new business; at any other time the discussion must be confined to the resolution, motion, or report, before the meeting.

Sec. 10. Appointment of committees of three or less will be made by the Chairman; if over this number, will be elected by the company.

Sec. 11. Appointment of a committee of three will be made at the meetings of February and August, who shall examine the books of the Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Treasurer, and report upon the state of the same at the next regular monthly meeting.

ART. 6.

Sec. 1. Dues of active members will be twenty-five cents per month. If in arrears six months, the Assistant Secretary will notify; if twelve months, will report to the meeting for suspension.

Sec. 2. Contributing members accounts will be made out and collected under the direction of the Treasurer; if the accounts are not paid on presentation, or satisfactorily arranged, he will report the name to the company to be dropped.

Sec. 3. Sickness and unavoidable business preclude attendance, but the Assistant Secretary must be informed of the fact.

Sec. 4. Religious, political, and personal matters are not tolerated in the affairs and business.

Sec. 5. Delinquent members, on account of non-attendance to the requirements, will form a separate roll, in charge of the Assistant Secretary, and, if no decided improvement is manifested in six months, he will report them for expulsion or suspension.

Sec. 6. The Constitution and By-Laws will be placed in the armory for the signatures of members; also, the completed records of proceedings and important papers, the whole kept in a suitable case. A complete list of members, setting forth the date of joining, &c., shall also be placed in the armory, renewed every six months. These duties are assigned the Secretary.

Sec. 7. Uniforms shall never be sold or loaned out of the company, and no substitute allowed on parades.

ART. 7.—Parades.

The anniversary parade will be on the 14th of January. [Applause.] Parades on the 22d of February, 1st of May, and 4th of July, will also be made; a majority vote may, however, order otherwise. Extra parades may be ordered by a two-thirds vote, or by the Captain, but only when time will not admit of a vote by the company.

Sec. 2. Rules common to military deportment must be observed; that is, whilst in uniform, a respectful, decorous, and subordinate bearing; and whilst under arms, a strict compliance with all orders given.

The Constitution was greeted with loud applause.

It was adopted with a few slight alterations, which we have made.

The members of the company present at the meeting then came forward and affixed their signatures to the Constitution.

Gen. Carrington then stated, that he held in his hand a preamble and resolution, which he desired to offer for the consideration of the meeting. They were as follows:

Whereas the members of company A, of the third ward, of the Union Regiment of Washington, have an abiding confidence in the wisdom, justice, integrity, and patriotism, of Gen. Winfield Scott, Secretary Holt, and Generals Weightman and Thomas, commanding officers in the District militia, of which our company forms a part; therefore

Resolved, That a committee consisting of our three Lieutenants, James B. Shelleross, Henry B. Curtis, and U. B. Ward, be appointed by our Captain, and by their request to wait in person upon the distinguished gentlemen above named, and submit to them the Constitution we have adopted; and if it meets their approval, that they report the same to the meeting of the officers of the Union Regiment of Washington, to be held in this place on Monday night; and that the Captain be then directed to make a requisition immediately for arms.

On motion, the preamble and resolution were adopted.

After the transaction of some other business of minor importance, the meeting adjourned.

FIFTH WARD.—The meeting called by the citizens of the Fifth Ward, to meet at the Republican "Wigwam" this evening, has been postponed until a more suitable room can be obtained for the purpose. Due notice will be given as to time and place.

THE FRENCH ZOUAVES.—Quite a large audience assembled at the theatre last night, to witness the performances of the French Zouaves, who did so much to cheer the hearts of the soldiers in the late Crimean war by their unique performances. They were greeted with loud and frequent applause during their performance last night, which was well deserved. They perform again to-night.

BURSTING OF WATER PIPES.—The late severe spell of cold weather has had the effect of bursting a number of the Corporation water pipes and those in private dwellings, and the water has in several places forced its way through the ground upon the streets.

MEETING OF THE NATIONAL VOLUNTEERS.

The Secessionists in Secret Conclave.—High Priest Cleary, of Wigwam Notoriety, Requests all Persons not Members and those Unfriendly to the Organization to Leave.—The Reporter of the NATIONAL REPUBLICAN Tapped on the Shoulder by an Employee in the United States Capitol, and Invited to Leave.—The Hostler's Account of the Proceedings.—That Mysterious Box.—This organized band of disunionists, assembled last night in the room over Burch's Livery Stable, at the corner of Fourteenth and D streets. About forty or fifty persons only were present at the commencement of the show, which was still further reduced when the order to clear the room of outsiders was given.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. B. Cleary, who requested that all persons not members of the organization, or who were unfriendly to its objects, should instantaneously leave the room. A number of persons took the hint and left, among whom was the reporter of a spicy evening paper of this city.

The reporter of the *Republican*, who appeared to be particularly obnoxious to the assembled plotters, seeming disposed to linger, was politely requested by an individual somewhat notorious among the faro-bank keepers of this city, and who is at the present time an employee in the Capitol, to leave the room. Having an important engagement further up town, which until that moment had entirely escaped his memory, after thanking him for the reminder, he left, with the intention of calling again at the earliest opportunity. He noticed, however, that the reporter of a notorious secession sheet in this city was allowed to remain, and that he seemed to be hailed well met with the traitors who were plotting the overthrow and disruption of the Government that feeds them.

While we were there, and before the meeting organized, engaging in conversation with an individual who some months since so nobly proved his loyalty to and affection for Southern institutions by leading the mob in their attack upon the Republican "Wigwam," we were very gravely informed that, in a certain contingency, the city was to be captured and held by the association of National Volunteers as the capital of the Southern Confederacy, as prophesied by their oracles.

The room occupied by these patriotic individuals as a place of meeting, is well known to the citizens of the second ward as a room in which most of the dactyl "shindigs" are held. The coldness of the weather obviated the necessity of appointing a "smelling committee," though our reporter thinks that the atmosphere of the room might have been improved considerably, had the windows been hoisted. Between the effluvia left by the dactyls, the stench of whisky, and the smell of sulphur, the perfume created was none of the most pleasant and refreshing to olfactory organs unused to the atmosphere of secession gatherings.

One of the hostlers employed in the stable gives us a few "pints," which we have not the heart to keep from our readers.

The Hostler's Account.

After the meeting was called to order, the first business in order appeared to be getting rid of obnoxious reporters, and several individuals belonging to that profession were advised to mizzle. The reporters alluded to being order-loving persons, and moreover having the ferocious-looking moustache of the door-keeper before their eyes, incontinently sloped. The reporter of the secession organ alone remained. This young gentleman, who has the advantage over most of his colleagues in personal appearance, (which fact may probably have facilitated his admission into the circle), took his seat, and the show began.

A young man, dressed in homespun, with hair combed back of his ears in regular military style, with a sudden jerk, got upon his feet, and began to read a series of resolutions of the real disunion stamp, which being deemed too lengthy (some forty pages of manuscript) for publication in one issue of the secession organ, on request of all present, were cut down some thirty-nine pages. The resolutions thus curtailed were seconded by an individual who is well known to have been a recent applicant for admission into the "Wigwam," rejected on account of bad character. The individual alluded to proceeded to deliver quite an argumentative and eloquent speech, in which our hostler friend became deeply interested—so much so, indeed, that he fell asleep in the course of a few moments. When he awoke, he observed the members, one by one, stealthily approaching the table of the Secretary, and drawing therefrom, with a nervous grasp, small pieces of paper, which were immediately handed to a corpulent individual near at hand, to be read. Our friend shuddered. Visions of assassinations, and other equally horrible things, flashed through his mind. He observed another young man, raise his hand apparently in great agony, after having withdrawn it from the mysterious box containing the equally mysterious papers. In endeavoring to move around in the hayloft, so as to get into a better position for seeing and hearing, his foot became firmly fixed between two stationary objects, causing him to cry out with pain. Upon hearing the sounds overhead, cries of "police!" "police!" escaped the terrified secessionists, and in a few moments the stable was completely cleared.

By nine o'clock, the stable had resumed its usual quiet, and nothing was heard but the neighing of the horses and the snoring of the hostler.

RESIGNED.—John Barksdale, a near relative of Representative Barksdale, of Mississippi, an \$1,800 clerk in the Interior Department, has resigned. A number of others are also preparing to vacate, only remaining, as advised to do by Senator Toombs, to thwart the Government in its plans for the suppression of insurrections.

CRIMINAL COURT.—The Circuit Court being in session in the room usually occupied by the Criminal Court, this court met yesterday in the Council Chamber, City Hall. Quite a large crowd was in attendance.

Joseph Rosenberg was placed on trial, charged with an assault and battery on Samuel Bien. It appears that the accused and others, being on a little "jerry," were talking rather loud, as the defendant was leaving his store with his wife. Mr. Bien, thinking it was a friend who was talking, went up pretty close to Mr. Rosenberg to hear better what he was saying. Mr. B., being quite deaf, Mr. Rosenberg mistook the idea of the gentleman, and, thinking it was only an act of impertinence, proceeded to chastise him for it. A scuffle ensued, in which Mr. B. was knocked into the gutter. He was found guilty, but not sentenced.

George Edlin was then tried, for participating in the same affair, and found not guilty.

Terence McKelue was tried for committing an assault and battery on Edward Burk. He was found guilty, and sentenced to pay a fine of \$10 and costs.

ALMOST FROZEN.—On Sunday night, an old man was found lying on the Seventh street road, about two miles from the city, in an almost dying condition, from the effects of the cold. He was carried to the toll-house near by, and resuscitated.

FUEL FOR THE POOR.—The City Councils last night passed a joint resolution authorizing the Mayor to distribute seven hundred dollars worth of fuel among the poor of the city—one hundred dollars to each ward.

THE JUDICIARY SQUARE IMPROVEMENT.—Mayor Berret has addressed a communication to the acting Secretary of the Interior, requesting him to procure an appropriation from Congress to connect the Government portion of Judiciary square with the enclosure now in course of construction by the corporation of Washington.

The young man, Lusher, whose eye was so severely injured, a few days since, by the explosion of his gun whilst guanoing near Bladensburg, is feared, will entirely lose the sight of one eye. A small fragment of iron, which was forced into his eye by the explosion, has not yet been extracted.

ROBBERY.—The stable of Mr. Charles Jamison, on the Navy Yard, was burglariously entered on Sunday evening, and robbed of several acts of harness.

Georgetown Correspondence.

GEORGETOWN, D. C., Jan. 14, 1861.

An enthusiastic meeting of the Carrington Home Guards was held in this city on Saturday evening last.

This name has been assumed by the Company in honor of that sterling patriot, whose name from sire to son has been before noted in American history. General Edward C. Carrington is a native of Virginia. In that State his ancestors were among the stoutest defenders of American rights, in days when to stand forth and defend them involved the hazard of honor, life, and fortune. The grandson, like the ancestor, is possessed of those elements of character that will stand the test of an emergency. Twice was his ancestor wounded in the cause of our National independence, fighting against the Tory traitors and hireling military in the days of '76. We trust that the grandson may not be called upon to pass through such a fiery ordeal; but if the necessity for meeting the foes of the American Union shall require it, we know General Carrington will be ready to defend the right, regardless of consequences.

The Anderson Rifles, Company A, were out on patrol on Saturday night, and made some arrests.

Another attempt was made upon the premises of Mr. John S. Paxton, on Saturday night last, by setting fire to a frame kitchen in his back yard. It was discovered in time to prevent its spreading into an extensive conflagration.

Our town last night was perfectly quiet, owing to the vigilance of the patrol force, whose cry at all hours was "all's well!"

The slight fall of snow this morning reached a depth of an inch or so.

Many of our citizens have thought proper of late to drop their subscription to the *Baltimore Sun*, that inflammatory secession paper, and have concluded to take the *National Republican*, since they find that they can procure all news just as speedily from the latter, and obtain it, also, free from the disorganizing doctrines advocated by that incendiary sheet.

Persons in Georgetown wishing to subscribe to the *National Republican*, can do so by calling on Crandall's book and periodical store, on Bridge street, and leaving their names. Advertisements, also, will be received there and attended to. Extra copies can be obtained at the same place.

POLICE MATTERS.—Before Justice King—Robert Miller, lodger, discharged. Robert Reed, of Philadelphia, discharged. Robert Vanhorn, of Georgia, discharged. Patrick Kilmarney, lodger, discharged.

John Foster and Spencer Hiser, colored, arrested for attempting to steal wood and coal, were discharged.

Benjamin Fox, colored, arrested for threatening to shoot Richard Littleton, colored, was held to bail.

Georgetown